

Dear Sir or Madam:

I oppose any limitation on satellite radio broadcasting local traffic and weather information. As a rural resident of Virginia, I travel to the District often for business and to visit family. As you know, traffic in the District can be miserable. Local stations provide only a brief overview of traffic conditions; my satellite radio provider broadcasts every slowdown and fender bender, allowing me to avoid the area. This improves my drive time, and keeps me from increasing congestion in an already slow area.

In fact, my suggestion to all of you would be that you, too, need XM radio so you can get to work and back home more efficiently.

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